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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 12-8-52

WEATHER Cold weather prevailing at the beginning of the week was followed by a change to warmer, with above normal temperatures after the second day, which removed most of the snow from wheat fields, pastures and ranges. Most corn stalk fields, into which the snow drifted, still have a fair to good cover. There was much sunshine, and no precipitation of consequence.

CROPS Reports for the past several weeks have indicated no change in the average yield of corn. There are occasional reports of a few farmers that have a little corn left to pick but practically all of it was completed a month ago. Some further gleaning of corn fields after pickers has been done. Most of the stalk fields are open since the storm, and cattle are again turned into the stalk fields. The moisture has softened the corn, making it easier for cattle to consume the ears knocked off by mechanical pickers.

Wheat has made further development in those areas that received ample moisture. Reports are unfavorable from some of the central counties that did not receive moisture from November rain and snow. There are still a few reports from the drier areas that moisture was not sufficient to sprout the wheat. Reports continue highly favorable from the Panhandle and the southwestern counties that received especially favorable moisture. There were a few reports of weevil in stored wheat.

Because of the low yields and poor quality of oats, some farmers are beginning to look around for oats for seed. There is also a little inquiry for seed barley for planting in winter wheat fields in case the stands of wheat are poor. The outlook for fall seeded legumes and grasses is more favorable since the moisture. Some of the side roads in southeastern Nebraska are still blocked from the blizzard that occurred November 25 and a few losses of calves are now reported.

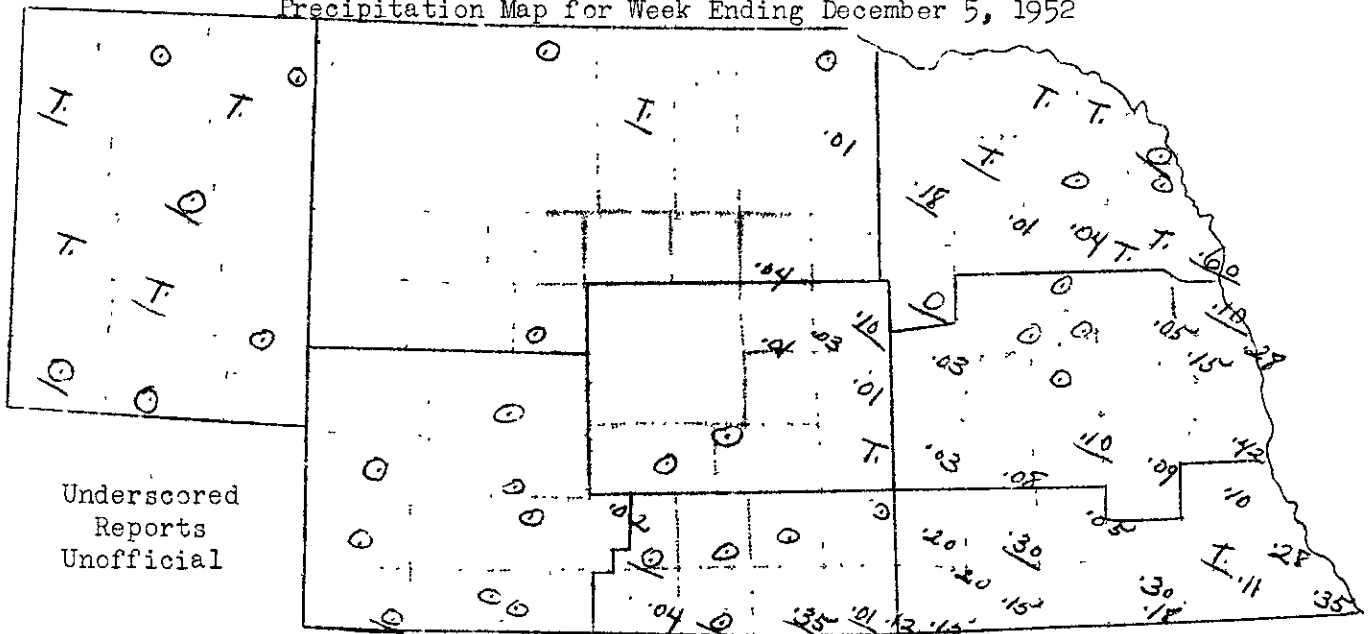
LIVESTOCK Cattle feeders are very discouraged with the recent drop in the price of fat cattle. There are a few reports of feeders taking their cattle back from market rather than to sell at the low price offered. So far, the marked drop in cattle from a year ago has not been reflected appreciably in the retail price of beef.

Most of the range is again open. Range is more palatable since moisture arrived. Hay and forage are not too plentiful in some localities while others have a surplus and are still shipping hay. Some counties are reporting an increased interest in the production of milk.

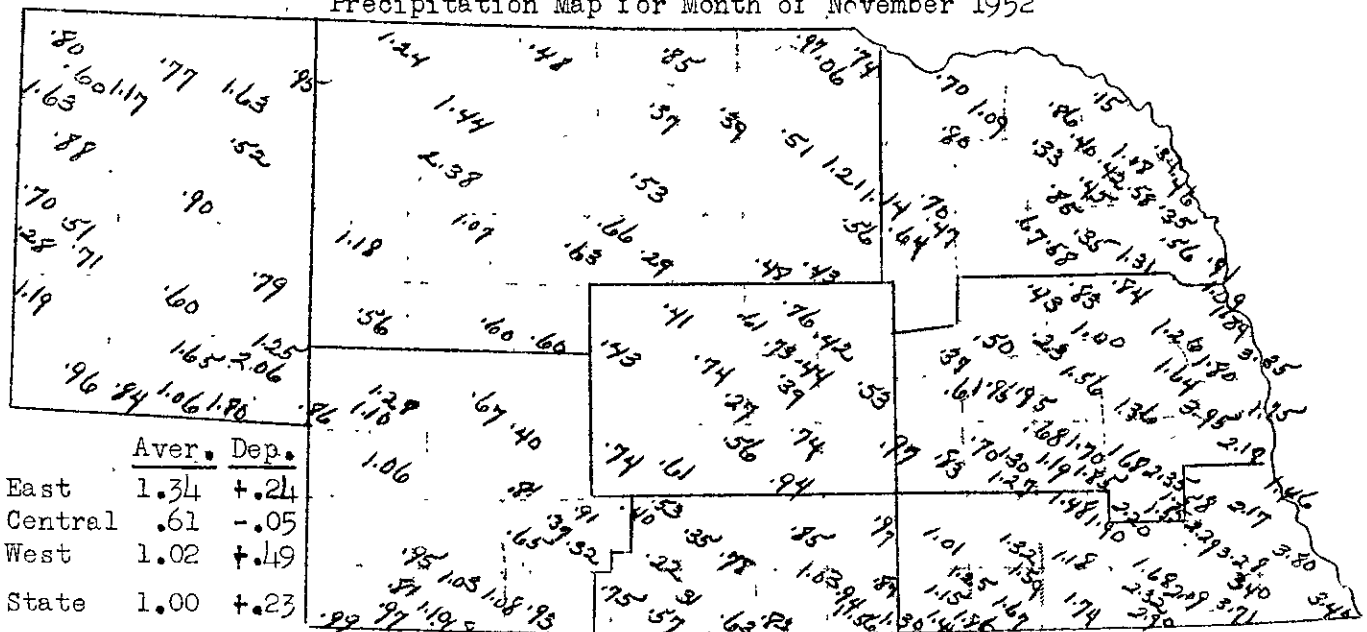
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 1952

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell .04	Chadron 0
Lincoln .03	Lexington 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk .01	North Platte 0	Scottsbluff 0
Omaha .04	Valentine 0	Sidney 0
Sioux City 0		

Precipitation Map for Week Ending December 5, 1952



Precipitation Map for Month of November 1952



## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		December															
		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th			
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	33	4	36	22	36	19	37	17	44	19	45	15	46	29		
	Scottsbluff	41	10	33	21	36	15	38	20	48	20	45	22	46	29		
	Sidney	39	13	37	20	37	26	40	18	41	25	40	16	39	31		
N-C	Burwell	39	6	--	--	42	24	45	22	53	23	53	20	55	31		
	Valentine	35	9	37	27	36	23	38	23	41	25	43	22	47	36		
NE	Norfolk	37	5	31	30	42	18	41	22	51	22	53	21	55	35		
	Sioux City	33	27	34	30	35	29	38	20	47	22	44	21	53	34		
CEN.	Grand Island	38	10	35	23	44	24	46	27	53	27	56	25	55	35		
	Lexington	33	5	36	27	41	23	41	18	49	19	52	18	52	31		
E-C	Lincoln	34	10	34	28	38	26	40	30	45	30	45	29	48	35		
	Omaha	34	30	33	30	36	33	38	21	42	23	45	24	47	34		
SW	Imperial	41	8	31	18	43	25	42	17	48	22	46	20	49	29		
	North Platte	38	7	38	7	40	28	40	18	46	18	50	18	49	25		